Minutes

FREMONT SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Friday, June 20, 2014 9:30 – 11:00 am Fremont Senior Center – Wing A 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway Fremont CA 94538

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Commissioner Churchill.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Berndl, Churchill, Creveling, Desai, Helton,

Mirchandani, Thomas, Vaidya.

Absent: Commissioner Kimberlin, Rhodes-Jones

Excused: Commissioners Hobbs, Walsh

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Creveling led the salute to the flag.

4. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2014. Commissioner Mirchandani made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2014 meeting as presented. Commissioner Creveling seconded the motion.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

Karen Grimsich, Aging and Family Services Administrator, informed the Commission about the success of the Four Seasons of Health Expo that was held at the Senior Center and surrounding park areas on June 6. There were 115 vendors, and approximately 2000 people in attendance. The biggest challenge for seniors was navigating the uneven grassy areas. There was discussion around changing the venue to a parking lot, or perhaps closing Paseo Padre Parkway near the Senior Center for placement of a large tent.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- **8.1 Downtown Fremont** Alina Kwak, Management Analyst City Manager's Office, accompanied by Guy Ferguson
 - Ms Kwak reviewed the City's vision regarding 110 acres in the heart of the city (Capitol and Liberty street area) that is designated as the Downtown area. This area will serve as the City's social heartbeat where people can connect, communicate, and celebrate. On July 25th a groundbreaking ceremony will take place to begin the expansion of Capitol Avenue as it is extended to Fremont Blvd.

9. COMMISSION REPORTS

- **9.1 Facility Sub-Committee** Commissioner Hobbs was absent, so Commissioner Churchill informed the Commission about meeting.
- **9.2 Health Issues** Commissioner Helton talked about the fact that June is Elder Abuse Awareness month. The two most significant issues are self-abuse, and financial abuse.
- **9.3 Marketing Outreach -** Commissioner Vaidya presented to CAEB It was suggested that the Commission participate in the Festival of the Arts in August; Linda will check to see how commissioners can sign up.
- **9.4 Senior Legislation** Commissioner Thomas did not present this time
- **9.5** Tri-City Elder Coalition Commissioner Desai discussed the subject of seniors and technology that was presented at the last TCEC meeting.

10. <u>COMMISSION REFERRALS</u>

None

11. STAFF REPORTS

- **11.1 Senior Center** Linda Olla, Senior Center Manager
- **12.** <u>COMMENTS</u>: Commissioner Churchill reviewed two previously discussed issues that were of concern to be addressed: suggestion for 5 mph speed signs near the Sr Center, heavy doors at center where seniors need assistance in opening them.

Adjournment